Please delete the paragraph [0102] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0102] RNA was prepared from the cells of Example 1 that had been in culture for 3 days, and used to construct a cDNA library in the λgt10 vector using standard methods well known to those in the art. This library was screened, using a ^{32}P-labeled degenerate oligonucleotide probe, coding for the HTGEKP **(SEQ ID NO: 6)** sequence (5'-CA(CT) AC(ACTG) GG(ACTG) GA(AG) AA(AG) CC(ATCG)-3', SEQ ID NO. 5). Cloned cDNA inserts from λgt10 clones that hybridized to the oligonucleotide probe were amplified from hybridizing plaques by PCR using LD insert screening amplimers (Clontech) as primers. Inserts were cloned directly into the pCR®2.1 plasmid vector (Invitrogen).

12/13/07 Please amend paragraph [~~0119~~] 105 of the application as follows:

[0119] The DNA sequences were analyzed using the BLASTX program at NCBI (~~http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/~~). All databases including dbEST, dbSTS, and the non-redundant database were searched.

Please replace Figure 3 and Figure 5 of the application with the attached Figures 3 and 5.

Please replace the sequence listing with the sequence listing that is attached hereto.